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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the title: Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a *national stage* of PCT/EP2003/013136 filed November 22, 2003 and based upon DE 102 59 973.4 filed December 19, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention concerns a process for operating an air conditioning system in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle of the generic type described in the pre-characterizing portion of Claim 1. The invention further concerns an air conditioning system for a motor vehicle according to the pre-characterizing portion of Claim 6.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] In accordance with the invention this task is solved by a process for operating a climate control system in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, wherein the climate control system can be operated in a recirculation mode in which internal air is recirculated within the passenger compartment or in a fresh air mode in which at least a portion of air supplied to the passenger compartment is fresh air, and wherein the

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climate control system is normally operated in the recirculation mode, thereby characterized, that the climate control system (12) is switched into the fresh air mode upon exceeding a predetermined CO₂-threshold value measured in the passenger compartment (2) of the motor vehicle (1) the characterizing features set forth in Claim 1.

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Please replace paragraph [00012] with the following amended paragraph:

[00012] A climate control system for a motor vehicle is disclosed in Claim 6. Therein has a CO₂-sensor is provided in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, which triggers or actuates, upon exceeding a CO₂-threshold value, a switching of the control system from recirculation mode to fresh air mode. By means of this inventive climate control system the above described inventive process can be carried out in simple manner.